

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A sling assembly for supporting an arm of a user, which sling assembly comprises a support portion for being worn by the user, a sling portion for supporting the arm of the user, and fastener means for fastening the sling portion to the support portion, the fastener means being a releasable fastener means for enabling the sling portion to be fastened and unfastened with respect to the support portion.

2. (original) A sling assembly according to claim 1 and including adjuster means for adjusting the sling portion with respect to the support portion and thereby to enable the arm of the user to be supported in an optimum comfortable position.

3. (currently amended) A sling assembly according to claim 1 [[or claim 2]] in which the fastener means and the adjuster means are integrally formed with each other.

4. (currently amended) A sling assembly according to claim 1 [[or claim 2]] in which the fastener means and the adjuster means are separately formed from each other.

5. (currently amended) A sling assembly according to [[any one of the preceding claims]] claim 1 in which the support portion is a harness.

6. (original) A sling assembly according to claim 5 in which the harness has a ring portion for fitting over a head of the user and being worn around a neck of the user.

7. (currently amended) A sling assembly according to [[any one of claims 1-4]] claim 1 in which the support portion is a jacket.

8. (original) A sling assembly according to claim 7 in which the jacket has one sleeve only.

9. (currently amended) A sling assembly according to [[any one of the preceding claims]] claim 1 in which the sling portion is a folded sheet member.

10. (currently amended) A sling assembly according to [[any one of the preceding claims]] claim 1 in which the fastener means comprises a plurality of interlocking plastics members which press together and pull apart.

11. (currently amended) A sling assembly according to [[any one of claims 1-9]] claim 1 in which the fastener means comprises at least one press stud.